

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 3, 2003 (BOS Mtg. 7/15/03)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: New Quarter Park Entrance Road

As part of the master planning process underway for New Quarter Park, the County's consultant is investigating options for providing additional parking. One of the options that both the consultant and staff believe has merit would involve adding angled parking on both sides of the entrance road adjacent to the existing parking lot (see attached sketch plans). However, the entrance road is in the State Secondary Road System (Route 1314) and VDOT regulations will not allow angled or perpendicular parking along Secondary Roads. Staff and the consultant have discussed this proposal with VDOT and it has been determined that such a parking plan could be implemented if this segment of the entrance road (and the circular turnaround) were to be "discontinued." As shown on the sketch, the existing drive could then serve as the access aisle for a new parking lot, thus saving considerably in the cost of providing the additional parking spaces.

"Discontinuance" is a procedure available under the State Code and VDOT regulations that involves making a determination that the road no longer serves a public service warranting its maintenance at VDOT expense. The effect of discontinuance is not to eliminate the road as a public road or to render it unavailable for public use. In this instance, discontinuance would mean that the County would assume maintenance responsibility for the subject segment (approximately 1,000 feet) of the entrance road. The additional cost to the County for maintaining this segment would be negligible but the benefits would be significant in terms of the additional design flexibility it would provide to enable this or other design concepts to be considered.

The "discontinuance" process can be initiated by forwarding a resolution of the Board of Supervisors to VDOT. I believe that discontinuing this short segment of the New Quarter Park entrance road is an appropriate and beneficial action that will provide the design flexibility necessary for the County to plan for and provide additional parking in a cost-effective manner. Whether or not this is the ultimate design approved by the Board, the flexibility provided by "discontinuance" will be beneficial in terms of expanding the options available for consideration by the consultant, staff and the Board. Conversely, if the segment is not discontinued planning and design options will be limited to those that meet VDOT criteria for street design and engineering. Therefore, I recommend adoption of attached Resolution No. R03-122 to formally request that VDOT and the Commonwealth Transportation Board discontinue the designated segment of Route 1314.

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Attachments

- Sketch Plans
- Proposed Resolution No. R03-122